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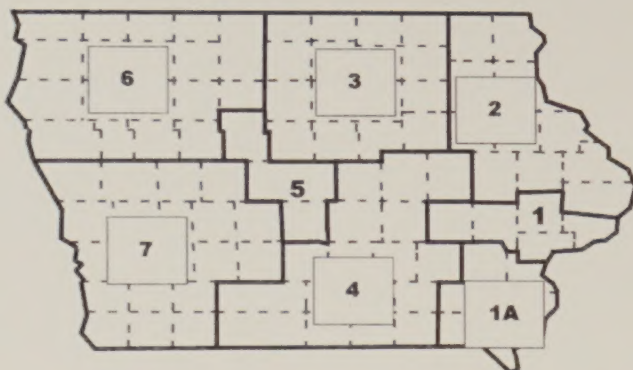
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FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

First of all I really want to thank Scott Nichols and the Ames Coin Club for a great Coin-a-Rama. It was a very busy show with a lot of people almost all day long. I couldn't get out on the floor myself until mid-afternoon on Saturday. I believe everyone had a good show.

I was glad to see as many INA members as I did at the show, and we gladly added a few new members as well. Please remember to keep the INA informed of any address changes. It truly saves me time and the INA money on postage if I'm informed of the changes from the member instead of getting it sent back by the post office. Thanks to everyone for keeping me informed.

Well I was supposed to send out dues notices right after the Nevada show, and now here it is almost half-way through the year already. So when I finally get these mailed out don't think that you are behind, I am the one who is running late again. I really don't know where all the time goes, I never seem to have enough.

What is with the bullion market lately? It seems to be jumping around like crazy anymore. I know we have a hard time staying on top of the market. I never imagined seeing \$14.00 silver or \$668.00 gold.

Hey, did we get the tax bill passed? Things are really looking up in those regards. I guess we are only waiting for the Governor to sign and we'll be all set.

The next meeting for the board this year is July 15, 2006 at 6:30 PM at the Adventureland Inn in Altoona. This will be in conjunction with a new show. I look forward to a great show.

Beverly Ashton
INA Secretary / Treasurer

Call For Nominations

In accordance with the by-laws of the Iowa Numismatic Association, I hereby make the official call for nominations for the offices of the I.N.A. for the years 2006 – 2007. Any member in good standing may nominate a candidate for the offices of President, Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary – Treasurer and Directors. You may nominate people from your own district to serve as District Directors but no more than two Directors from any one district. In addition, candidates for Director – at – Large may be nominated. Nominations must be mailed to Second Vice-president, Lee Roe of Cascade, Iowa no later than July 31, 2006. Ballots will then be mailed to each 2006 member of the I.N.A. so their vote may be mailed to the Secretary.

Remember, under this format, each member has a voice in the election and need not be present at the I.N.A. Convention to be heard. In accordance with the by-laws, the chair positions (President and Vice President) must be filled by persons who have served as Directors or Officers of the I.N.A. It is your privilege to exercise your right as a member to nominate and vote. Please be sure to exercise that right.

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Annual Board Meeting

February 25, 2006

Nevada, IA

President Chris Seuntjens called the meeting to order. The minutes were read and approved. The Treasurer's report was given with a balance of \$5,068.64 in the general fund and \$428.15 in the ICTA fund. The Treasurer's report was approved.

Lee Roe discussed the parameters for an Outstanding Numismatist Award. It was decided that we need to run it through The Collector. The call for nominations could be printed in June. We would then need to have them by September. The board could vote in October on narrowing down the nominations (double-checking who is qualified and such), then these people could be listed in the Feb. and June Collectors. Denny Ross motioned and Gordon Weber seconded, the motion was passed. Nominations should be sent to Bev.

Sam Ashton discussed his findings on the convention manual. The INA no longer has cases, and there seemed to be a discrepancy between pages 15 and 16 about profit and losses. There was much discussion over this as it almost seemed to be interpreted in different ways by different people. It was decided that everyone should look it over and note any changes.

A couple of different ideas were discussed in regards to the summer meeting. Chris said the Northend Diner would charge us \$25 for the room and we could order off the menu. Adventureland Inn would give us a room at no charge as long as we bought food. We settled on Adventureland Inn on July 15 at 6:30 PM. Denny made the motion and Sam seconded, the motion passed.

Chris brought up the Collector wondering if we should raise dues from the current \$5/yr to \$10/yr. It was also discussed again that we need a central person to send Iowa Collector stuff to. It was proposed that we would change dues effective in 2007. The new dues would be \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for juniors and a life membership is 25 years paid as an adult. Dave Stark motioned, John Jackson seconded and it was approved. Maybe we could change the quality of the paper, that could make a big difference. We need to have items in at least one month in advance and they should be sent to Dan and John.

Chris gave us an update on our sales tax fight. We need to get the fiscal note down. How much is actually collected in sales tax on our businesses?

Chris brought a proposed budget for the Des Moines INA show. The table fee will be \$125.00. It is scheduled for Oct. 7-8, 2006 at the Holiday Inn on Merle Hay Rd. Denny made a motion, Sam seconded and it was passed.

Scott Nichols made a motion to adjourn, John seconded, the meeting was adjourned.

Members present: Tom Robertson, Lee Roe, Dave Stark, Sam Ashton, Chris Seuntjens, Scott Nichols, Gordon Weber, John Jackson, Dale Dye, Dean Parr, Denny Ross, Doug Van Den Berg & Bev Ashton

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2006 Iowa Coin Shows Calendar:

Feb. 05 Tri-State Coin Show – Greyhound Park & Casino Park View Room, Dubuque 9-4, \$1.00 admission

Feb 25, 26 Coin-A-Rama - Gates Hall, 825 15th St. Nevada, IA (9-5), (9-3)

Mar. 12 Cedar Rapids Coin Club Show – Elks Lodge, 801 33rd Ave SW, Cedar Rapids 9-4

Mar. 19 Port City Coin Show – Holiday Inn Juct. 61 & 38 North, Muscatine, IA 9-4

Mar. 25, 26 Fort Dodge Show – Crossroads Mall, 5th Ave S & 25th St. (10-6), (10-4)

Mar. 31-Apr. 2 – Chicago International Coin Fair, Crowne Plaza, Chicago O'Hare

Apr. 1 Clarion Coin Club Show – Clarion High School. 1111 Willow Dr. 9-4

Apr. 2 Quad City Coin Club – Milan Community Center on US 67 south of 92nd Ave. 9-4

Apr. 7 - 9 ANA National Money Show – Cobb Galleria, Atlanta, GA

Apr. 26-29 Central States Coin Show – Columbus, OH

May 13, 14 Keokuk Coin Club Show – River City Mall 300 Main Street 10-5, 12-5

May 21 Waterloo Coin Show – Waterloo Recreation Center W. First and Commercial Streets. 9-4

Jun. 3 Oskaloosa Coin Show - Penn Central Mall 200 High Ave West. 9-5

Jun. 11 Hiawatha Coin Show – Hiawatha Community Center, 80 Centerpoint Rd. 9-3

July 15 Central Iowa Coin & Stamp Expo. Adventureland Inn, Altoona, Iowa 9-5

Aug. 5, 6 Iowa Great Lakes Show – Spirit Lake Community Center, north of Great Lakes Mall. 9-5, 9-3

Aug. 16-18 ANA World's Fair of Money – Denver, CO

Sep. 24 Hiawatha Coin Show – Hiawatha Community Center, 80 Centerpoint Rd. 9-3

Aug. 27 Decorah Coin Show – Winneshiek County Fair Grounds

Oct. 7, 8 INA Coin Show – Sheraton 4 Points, 4800 Merle Hay Rd., Des Moines

Oct. 13-15 MOON Show - Earl Brown Heritage Center, Brooklyn Center, MN

Oct. 21 Ottumwa Coin Show – K. C. Hall, 123 West 3rd Street 9-5

Oct. 22 Dubuque Key City Coin Club Show – Greyhound Park & Casino Park View Room, Dubuque 9-4:30

Dec. 10 Old Capitol Coin Club Show – Quality Inn, I-80 & Hwy 1 (exit 246), Iowa City

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Burlington - Last Tuesday, Midwest One Bank, Roosevelt & Division Streets, 7:30 PM, Leroy Schatz, (319) 752-4098

Cedar Rapids - Third Wednesday, Kuba Community Center 1300 2nd St SE, 7:30 PM, Brian E. Fanton, (319) 294-4377 <http://crcc.aoclubs.org/>

Clarion - Fourth Wednesday, Pizza Ranch on Main St, 7:00 PM, Harry peters (641) 762-3735

Decorah - First Tuesday, V. F. W. Building basement, 104 State St, 7:30 PM, Dave Sanderson (563) 568-2371

Dubuque - Dubuque -- First Thursday, Bridge Restaurant, 31 Locust St., 7:00 PM, Neil Aitchison (563-556-5254)

Des Moines - First Tuesday, St. Marks Episcopal Church, 3120 E 24th, 7:00 PM, Roscoe Simons (515) 262-6008

Fort Dodge - Second Thursday, ICCV Voc. Tech Bldg., 330 Ave M, 7:30 PM, Sam Ashton (515) 573-3033

Grinnell - Second Monday, Community Center (Senior Citizens Room), 7:30 PM, George Fowler (641) 236-3549

Hiawatha - Fourth Wednesday (except June & July), Hiawatha Library, 150 Williams St, 7:00 PM, Brian Fanton, (319) 294-4377

Iris City (Mt. Pleasant) - First Thursday, Bredeaux Pizza, 7:30 PM. Ken Reynolds (319) 385-3248

Keokuk - Keokuk -- Fourth Thursday (Third Thursday in Nov. & Dec.), SCC's S. Campus Student Lounge, 7:30 PM, Tom Gardner (319) 524-7366

Old Capitol (Iowa City) - Second Tuesday, Veteran's Administration Hospital (Third floor cafeteria), Hwy 6, 7:00 PM, Tom Robertson (319) 351-2512

Oskaloosa - Second Tuesday, Farm Bureau Building (basement), 7:30 PM, Clarence & Gail McKee (641) 672-2763

Ottumwa - Fourth Tuesday, Albia Road Baptist Church, 1601 Albia Road (basement), 7:30 PM, Denny Ross (641) 932-2731

Port City (Muscatine) - Fourth Tuesday (NO meetings June, July, Aug.), Holiday Inn, Muscatine, Hwys. 61 & 38, 7:00 PM, Jim Burr (563) 262-9313

Quad City (Moline, IL) - Third Thursday, Garden Center, 5th Ave and 34th St, 7:00 PM, Paul Cotterell (563) 391-4271

Red Oak - Second Thursday, Regency Retirement Center, 6:30 PM, Richard Trinity (712) 829-2207

Siouxland (Sioux City) - J & J Coins & Collectibles, 901 S Cecelia, John Jackson (712) 274-9195

Storm Lake - Third Thursday, Chamber of Commerce Bldg, 119 West 6th St, 7:30 PM, Russ Post (712) 284-2110

Wadena - Third Thursday, Historical Center, West Union, IA, 7:30 PM, Dr. James E. Ralls (319) 283-4440

Waterloo/Cedar Falls - Second Tuesday, Waterloo Arts & Recreation Center, First and Commercial Streets, 7:00 PM, Dennis Emme (319) 232-0662

Webster City - First Wednesday, (NO meetings June, July, Aug., Sep.), Country Kitchen, 407 Cloz Drive, 7:00 PM, John Porter (515) 972-4407

CSNS National Bank Note Seminar

The CENTRAL STATES NUMISMATIC SOCIETY today announced its first-ever educational seminar to be held at the Higgins Money Museum in Okoboji, Iowa on August 2-3, 2006. The event leads off with a Wednesday evening reception on August 2, hosted by the Higgins Museum. On Thursday, August 3, the National Bank Note Seminar will feature nationally-known experts, Peter Huntoon, Mark Hotz and Wendell Wolka. Presentations will be given on a variety of topics related to National Bank Notes at the all-day seminar. Lunch and refreshments will be provided. After dinner, an informal question and answer session back at the Museum will bring the Seminar to a close. The Museum features comprehensive collections of Iowa, Minnesota and Missouri banknotes and is located in the northwest Iowa Great Lakes region. See www.vacationokoboji.com for details on this tourist area.

The number of seminar participants is limited to the first thirty individuals who register. The nominal registration fee is \$50 for non-CSNS members and \$30 for CSNS members. A block of rooms has been reserved at the nearby Country Club Motel for the special nightly rate of \$82.51 (tax included.) Potential participants are urged to register early and make motel reservations in a timely manner. The Country Club Motel can be reached at 712-332-5617 or 800-831-5615. Seminar participants should identify themselves as "CSNS Higgins Seminar Participants." Be certain to register AND receive confirmation of your seminar enrollment from the Central States Numismatic Society BEFORE making your room reservation.

To register, contact Jim Moores at 816-792-3644 - jsmoores@worldnet.att.net
For more information contact Ray Lockwood at 765-664-6520 sunrayofmarion@aol.com

Iowa's Illegal Mint

Submitted by Ray Cole and Written by John M. Curran

Vernon L. Starling of Perry, Iowa differed from most coin counterfeiters in several respects. His coins contained silver as the genuine. He passed only enough to provide him a modest living and he victimized only storekeepers he disliked.

All this came to an end on his unlucky Friday the 13th of May 1938 when he and his son Forest stood handcuffed together in the booking area of the Central Police Station in Des Moines, Iowa.

Clad in old denim overalls, open-necked blue shirts faded from many washings, white cotton socks, scuffed ankle-high work shoes, and no hats, the two prisoners could easily be mistaken for farm hands of unskilled laborers instead of the clever counterfeiters who had outwitted the United States Secret Service for months.

Although still an hour before dawn, a slowly turning ceiling fan was fighting a losing battle against the heat and the nauseating stench of stale tobacco smoke, fetid humanity and unflushed urinals. On the police lieutenant's desk a small oscillating fan whirled furiously as though to make up in noise for its lack in size. Except for the rumble of distant traffic, only the occasional grunts and moans from the adjacent "drunk tank" disturbed the quiet.

The younger man, Forest W. Starling had already been booked on the open charge of "Hold for the Secret Service". He said he lived with his parents on Route 1, Perry, Iowa and that he was a 21 year old farmer.

The older man, Vernon L. Starling, answered the lieutenant's queries in a dry monotone stating that he was 51 years old and had the same address as given by his son. But when the lieutenant asked if he also was a farmer, he raised his head proudly and said in a loud voice, "Damned if I am! I'm a counterfeiter and a damned good one too!"

The two Secret Service agents guarding the prisoners exchanged smiles and one commended audibly. "That's for damned sure. He really gave us a run for our money!"

It had taken the Secret Service over six months to identify and apprehend the elder Starling, one of the most skillful coin counterfeiters in the history of the United States. Ironically, he had learned his illegal trade from the pamphlets sold by the U.S. Government Printing Office which described in detail how genuine coins were made in the United States Mint.

It is possible that the Starling counterfeiters might never have been detected if he had refrained from trying to improve on the original coins. All the Starling counterfeit half dollars were dated 1899 and 1912 and were copied from worn genuine of those dates. However, the reeding (the narrow vertical lines on the edges of the coins) showed no wear at all and were even slightly deeper than the new uncirculated coins.

The defect was first noticed in November 1937 at the Federal Reserve Bank in Chicago in coin shipments from banks in Des Moines. When questioned after his arrest as to why he had not aged the reeding, Starling replied, "It was my mint and I ran it the way I wanted".

Catching coin counterfeiters is usually more difficult than apprehending passers of counterfeit paper money because people often recall from whom they received counterfeit bills put

pay little attention to the coins they receive.

The Starling coins were soon detected in bank deposits from other points in Iowa as well as from various localities in Nebraska, Kansas and Missouri, but not a single description could be obtained of the person or persons passing the counterfeits. The Secret Service office in Omaha alerted all Midwestern police departments to canvass their informants for leads as to the makers and passers of these coins, but all of the information received proved to be worthless.

In the meantime, the Bureau of the Mint in Washington, D.C. assayed several of the counterfeits and confirmed that they equaled and occasionally exceeded the 90% silver content in the genuine coins but were slightly lighter and thinner. Some variations in the thickness of the counterfeits indicated that they were not stamped out from commercial sheet silver, which must be of uniform thickness.

The counterfeits also contained small amounts of iron, zinc, tin and even a trace of gold. This indicated that they were probably made from melted scrap silver. The assay report also pointed out small defects on the reverse sides of the coins. On the 1899 counterfeit the top of the letters UNI in United were scalloped instead of being straight horizontal ones. On the 1912 counterfeit a small fleck appears just above the bow of the eagle.

The Secret Service then began the tedious task of questioning all of the registered scrap dealers in the Midwest about any suspicious purchasers of scrap silver. The most promising lead was furnished by Mr. Mel Lumbar, a wholesale jeweler in Des Moines, Iowa who reported that in 1937 he had sold 945 ounces of scrap silver at 45 cents per ounce to a man who refused to give his name or address.

This customer claimed that he was making trinkets fairs and carnivals, but had trouble with a former partner whom he did not want to learn that he had resumed this business. It was also learned that the same unidentified man had purchased scrap silver from Mr. A.E. Kullander, another Des Moines jeweler. Since the U.S. Secret Service then maintained no agents in Des Moines, arrangements were made for the jewelers to promptly notify the Iowa State Bureau of Investigation when the unidentified man appeared to make new purchases.

On the afternoon of May 9, 1938 Mr. Lumbar telephoned the State agents that the suspect had just purchased 130 ounces of silver and would be there for a short time checking the purchase for scraps of other metals. Two State agents hurried there and observed the suspect entering a 1930 Dodge sedan bearing Iowa license plates 25-5430. Vehicle records showed that this license was issued to Lelah Starling, Route 1, Perry, Iowa. A record check showed she had no criminal record, nor was there any record of anyone of that surname from that area.

A visit of the post office in Perry disclosed that Lelah Starling was the wife of Vernon L. Starling and that they lived on a small farm about one mile west of Perry with their eldest son Forest. The Starlings had operated a rendering plant on their farm until it burned down in 1933 or 1934. Since then, the source of their income is a mystery.

Since there was insufficient evidence to get a Federal search warrant for the Starling farm, the Iowa State Bureau of Investigation agents secured a State search warrant based on their information and belief that illegal liquor would be found. This form of cooperation with Federal authorities was quite common during the 1930's, but is now illegal.

About 9:30 p.m. on May 13, 1938 two Secret Service agents, six agents of the Iowa State

Bureau of Investigation, and two Deputy Sheriffs converged on the Starling farm. Due to the heavy rain and impassable dirt lanes leading to the farm, they had to cover the last half mile on foot. Only Vernon Starling and his wife Lelah were at home.

After handing Starling a copy of their search warrant, the agents fanned out over the farmhouse and several out buildings. Starling loudly stated his innocence until forced to open a locked closet off the living room. There the agents found three tire patching cans which contained 86 finished counterfeit half dollars dated 1899 and 63 more dated 1912. Also, in the closet were several large paper bags containing sacks of Bull Durham tobacco, chewing gum, candy mints and dozens of different five and ten cent items from the dime stores. Confronted with this evidence, Vernon Starling admitted his guilt but insisted that wife and son had no knowledge of what he had been doing.

The agents also found in a locked room in the rear of the basement a hydraulic press operated by a one horsepower electric motor. After several hours of questioning, Starling finally agreed to disclose the hiding place of the dies he was using to make the counterfeits.

He took the agents to a large seven car frame garage, removed some debris from the corner, dug a hole two feet below the floor, and then removed a manhole cover which disclosed a hole about four feet deep where he had hidden his dies. Also, in the house were several buckets full of silver slugs the size of 50 cent coins and a large quantity of finished but unpolished counterfeit coins.

The agents also found in the garage a drop hammer for making the dies. It consisted of an anvil anchored to the floor. Above it was a large drop hammer with a five - inch iron pipe for a guide. On the bottom end of the guide pipe was a square steel block fastened to the pipe by four heavy springs.

Starling explained that he had designed this hammer so that when the hammer dropped and the steel block struck the genuine coin and the die he was making, the four springs would jerk the steel block back against the guide pipe and prevent it from rebounding and making a second impression on the die. He added that the hammer weighed 270 lbs. and when it dropped 4 1/2 feet, it gave an impact of 1250 foot pounds which he had found made the best dies.

In another shed which had been part of the Starling rendering plant they found a homemade melting furnace for converting scrap silver into 12" x 18" moulds 1/10 of an inch thick and weighing seven pounds. In another part of the same shed they discovered a rolling machine which consisted of heavy steel geared rollers connected to a 1 1/2 horsepower motor through three complete automobile transmissions.

Starling told the agents that he was thus able to get a gear ratio of 86 to 1 that after he cut the silver moulds into strips he would run them through the rolling machine to reduce them to the required thickness of the 65/1000 of an inch. Then the slugs would be punched out and be ready for stamping with the impression on the dies.

In the buried hiding place was also found a knurling wheel for placing the reeding on the coins. Starling had made a small geared machine so that the coins could be held one at a time between two pieces of leather and by use of an electric motor they were turned against the knurling wheel.

Starling was very proud of this machine and said that he had made over 50 knurling wheels before producing one that suited him and that by trial and error he had also found out that the

only suitable leather for holding the coins was that which had been thoroughly seasoned by outdoor exposure for two or three years.

Starling ruefully explained to agents that making this knurling machine caused him the most trouble of any of the equipment he made and said, "I got so discouraged that if I could have found a job I would have quit, but I couldn't find work so I went through on this and I finally perfected it".

In his sworn statement dated May 18, 1938 Starling disclosed his profits and methods of operation as follows:

"I never had a coin that was any count at all until I got the 1912 coins since the time I finished the dies. I got most of my silver from Lumbards and some - not very much, from Kullander. I figured I got about \$1.31 to the ounce. I must have passed about \$1400 - \$1500 worth of halves. I went around through Iowa and I have never been over to Omaha and down to St. Joe, downtown to Leavenworth, Des Moines, Waterloo, Cedar Rapids, Muscatine, Burlington and practically all over Iowa. I made about 300 coins every month for a year and that would give me just enough to live on. I never tried to get rich on it. I never had no help in passing these coins. I figured out everything myself and done everything myself. I passed most of them in small shops, grocery stores, beer joints and five and 10 cent stores. I'd pass judgement on the men. If they looked like white men and as good as I, I wouldn't pass them but would go on to some other place".

Starling claimed that he was suffering from "consumption" and took his son Forest alone on the coin passing trips only so his son could care for him if anything happened, but that he would not permit his son to have anything to do with the making or passing of the counterfeits.

Starling and his son were both arraigned before the U.S. Commissioner in Des Moines, Iowa on May 17, 1938 on the charge of making and passing counterfeit coins.

The elder Starling entered a plea of guilty and was held for the Grand Jury under a \$15,000 bond. His son Forest pled "not guilty", waived preliminary hearing and was held under a \$7500 bond. Neither defendant was able to raise bail.

Vernon Starling died of a brain tumor in the Polk County jail in Des Moines on August 27, 1938 while still awaiting indictment by the Grand Jury.

On September 22, 1938 the Federal Grand Jury in Ottumwa, Iowa returned a "no true bill" against the Forest as there was no proof that he assisted in assembling the plant or making or passing the counterfeits. The death of the elder Mr. Starling lent credence to his claim the he accompanied his father on trips to purchase scrap silver and to pass counterfeit coins only because of his concern for his father's health.

One final note, when the elder Starling was asked why he and his son went to Leavenworth on a coin passing trip a few weeks before his arrest he said, "I wanted to see what the penitentiary looked like as I figured I would end up there sometime". He apparently was not intimidated by the prospect as he passed several of his counterfeit coins at stores in the city of Leavenworth.

President's Message

Sales Tax Bill Finally Passes!

One June 1, 2006 Governor Tom Vilsack signed into law House File No. 2794 that contains the language repealing the sales tax on rare coins, currency and precious metals. We have been working diligently since 1998 to get this bill passed. Thanks to INA members, coin dealers across the state, coin club members, other interested parties, and our lobbyist, Mike St. Clair, who worked tirelessly and went way beyond the call of duty, our dream has finally become a reality.

Brian Fanton of Hiawatha originally got things off the ground in April of 1998. Since then Brian has taken a key roll in getting the bill passed and worked side by side with me every step of the way. The bill's original sponsor, Rep. Carmine Boal of Ankeny, was also there from the beginning and put forth a lot of effort to keep it alive, move it through committees, and finally position it to get it passed this year. Sen. Mark Ziemann and Rep. Craig Paulsen were always working behind the scenes and pushing for support of our bill. Diane Piret, the Executive Director of ICTA, and her assistant, Eloise Ullman, provided us with all the information and support we needed to get this job done. They provided the groundwork we needed to start the process and were always there to draft letters, send e-mails and provide printed materials. The INA board has been wonderful to work with throughout this process. There were always lots of ideas, support and cooperation. My staff at Christopher's Fine Jewelry and Rare Coins worked continuously throughout the years promoting the bill, doing mass mailings and sending e-mails.

Roger Rice of CSI (Computer Support Initiative) was instrumental in making my life easier throughout this ordeal. Roger was always there to help me efficiently communicate with legislators and sales tax bill supporters.

And lastly I'd like to thank my wife, Irene, for putting up with all the time I spent making phone calls and sending e-mails while on vacations and various other trips.

The bill goes into effect July 1, 2006. The first "sales tax free" coin show will be the Central Iowa Coin and Stamp Expo, July 15, 2006, at the Adventureland Inn in Altoona, Iowa. We will also have our summer board meeting at this show. In addition, the first "sales tax free" INA convention will be October 7 & 8, 2006 at the Holiday Inn on Merle Hay Rd. in Des Moines, Iowa.

Getting this bill passed was a monumental effort. There were literally thousands of e-mails and letters written to legislators by folks and dealers all across the state for over 6 years. My sincere thanks to all of you who helped out and took the time to write these e-mails and letters and those who donated money. This is probably the most significant event in the history of the INA since the establishment of the organization. Over time, you will see larger crowds at coin shows and large amounts of investor money being spent in Iowa instead of out of state.

As you may have noticed, this issue of the *Iowa Collector* is sporting a new look and more interesting reading. At the last board meeting, we decided to overhaul the *Iowa Collector* and make it more fun and interesting to INA members. Computer consultant, Roger Rice, of CSI re-formatted every article and advertisement. This new format is much more professional in appearance and is organized in computer files so an INA board member will be able to easily publish future issues.

One of the more exciting programs initiated by the board is the establishment of the "Outstanding Iowa Numismatist of the Year" award. This is an election year for the INA and there will be a "call for nominations letter" coming to you. This letter will also ask for nominations of candidates for this award. Please be thinking of who you might want to nominate to receive recognition for exemplary contributions to numismatics in Iowa.

The INA has done a lot of things to promote your hobby and a strong membership is key to any organization. The more members we have the better the INA and its ability to improve and grow. When you can, please take the time to sign up new members.

Please note in this issue that there is information about a coin trading seminar put on by Bill Fivaz at the INA convention in Des Moines in October. Space is extremely limited and you need to make your reservation immediately if you want to attend.

Enjoy the summer and I hope to see you soon at a "sales tax free Iowa coin show"!

Please call or e-mail me anytime with questions or comments.

Regards,

Chris Seuntjens
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Photo submitted by Denny Ro

Key City Coin Club Holds First Annual Coin Show

By Denny Ross

On February 5th the Dubuque Key City Coin Club held its first annual coin show at the Greyhound Park Casino in Dubuque, Iowa.

The show hours were from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM on a sunny Sunday afternoon.

There was nominal fee of \$1.00 admission at the door. Security was present at the dealer unloading and loading area and throughout the day on the bourse floor.

This was the coin clubs first coin show and was held in the Parkview Room in the casino. The casino provided a large, spacious room, with carpeted floors that afforded ample room for potential buyers to get to the dealers tables.

With over 40 tables and 19 dealers there was plenty of numismatic material available for everyone to view and consider. All numismatic areas were represented; not only U.S. coins and currency, but foreign coins and ancients also.

Attendance at the show was nothing less than phenomenal for a coin show of this size. By 2:30 in the afternoon over 400 potential buyers had passed through the doors.

General Chairman Lee Ross and Bourse Chairman and President of the coin club Ron Admundson were extremely pleased with the turnout. There was a large contingent of the regular collectors along with many new faces in attendance.

This show was extremely well organized and well attended.

The Key City Coin Club did itself proud in the presentation, of this, their first annual coin show. The coin club will be conducting a show in the fall. It will be held on October 22nd at the same location. For more information on the fall show you can go to the I.N.A. web site at <http://ina.anacclubs.org> and click on the Show Calendar link.

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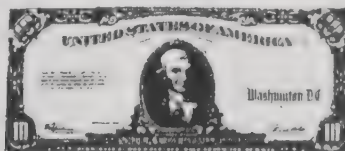
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